

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2854 without my signature.

During my Administration, I have been committed to assisting small businesses and seeking ways for them to access valuable state resources. However, this bill does not offer any additional significant information to these businesses that is not already provided on the existing Small Business Advocate website. The Small Business Advocate currently consults with all parties required in this bill, and as such the bill is redundant and unnecessary.

Additionally, the report mandate in this bill would create additional workload that would result in a General Fund cost pressure that is unsustainable during our current budget situation.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger